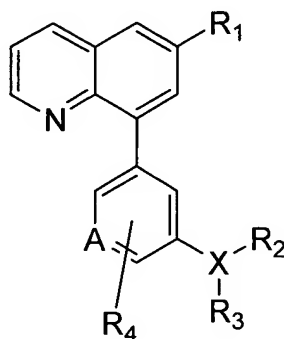


## Amendments to Claims

1. (Original) A compound represented by Formula (I):



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

A is C or N;

X is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, thiaphenyl, quinolinyl, benzofuranyl, oxadiazolyl, diazolyipyridinyl, imidazolyipyridinyl, oxadiazolylphenyl, or benzodioxolyl;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, halogen; or -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, -cycloC<sub>3-6</sub>alkyl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkenyl group, wherein any of the groups is optionally substituted with 1-6 substituents; wherein each substituent is independently halogen, -OH, -CN, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>; or -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-phenyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-phenyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl)-pyridyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, -C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-phenyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-phenyl)(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-phenyl), -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl, -S(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -P(O)(O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)(O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl), -C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)-pyridyl, -S-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl)-C(O)-C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, -C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl-N(C<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl)-C(O)-N(C<sub>0-</sub>

6alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-oxadiazolyl(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl), -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-phenyl, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-phenyl, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-tetrazolyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>-N(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-thiadiazolyl(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl), -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-diazolyl(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl), -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-Si(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>3</sub>, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-phenyl(C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl), -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl, or -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-C(O)-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl, wherein any alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, phenyl, or pyridyl are each optionally substituted with 1-9 independently halogen, hydroxyl, -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or -C<sub>0-4</sub>alkyl-S-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

optionally, R<sub>2</sub> forms =O with an adjoining bond;

R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, or halogen; and

any ring nitrogen optionally forms *N*-oxide or *N*-chloride.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein A is C.
3. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is phenyl.
4. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is thiaphenyl.
5. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is benzofuranyl.
6. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is pyridyl.
7. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is pyridyl and
8. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is quinolinyl.
9. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is oxadiazolyl.
10. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is diazolyipyridinyl or imidazolyipyridinyl.
11. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is pyrazinyl.

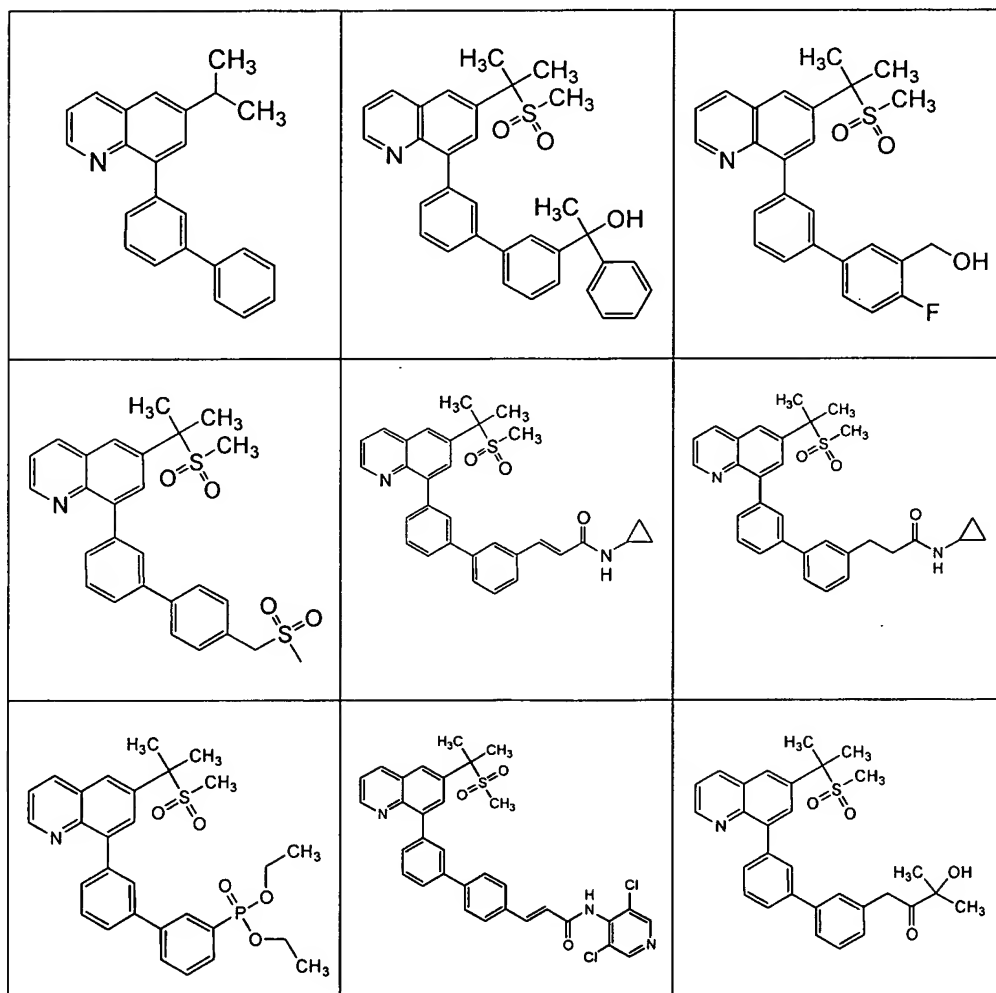
12. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is oxadiazolylphenyl.

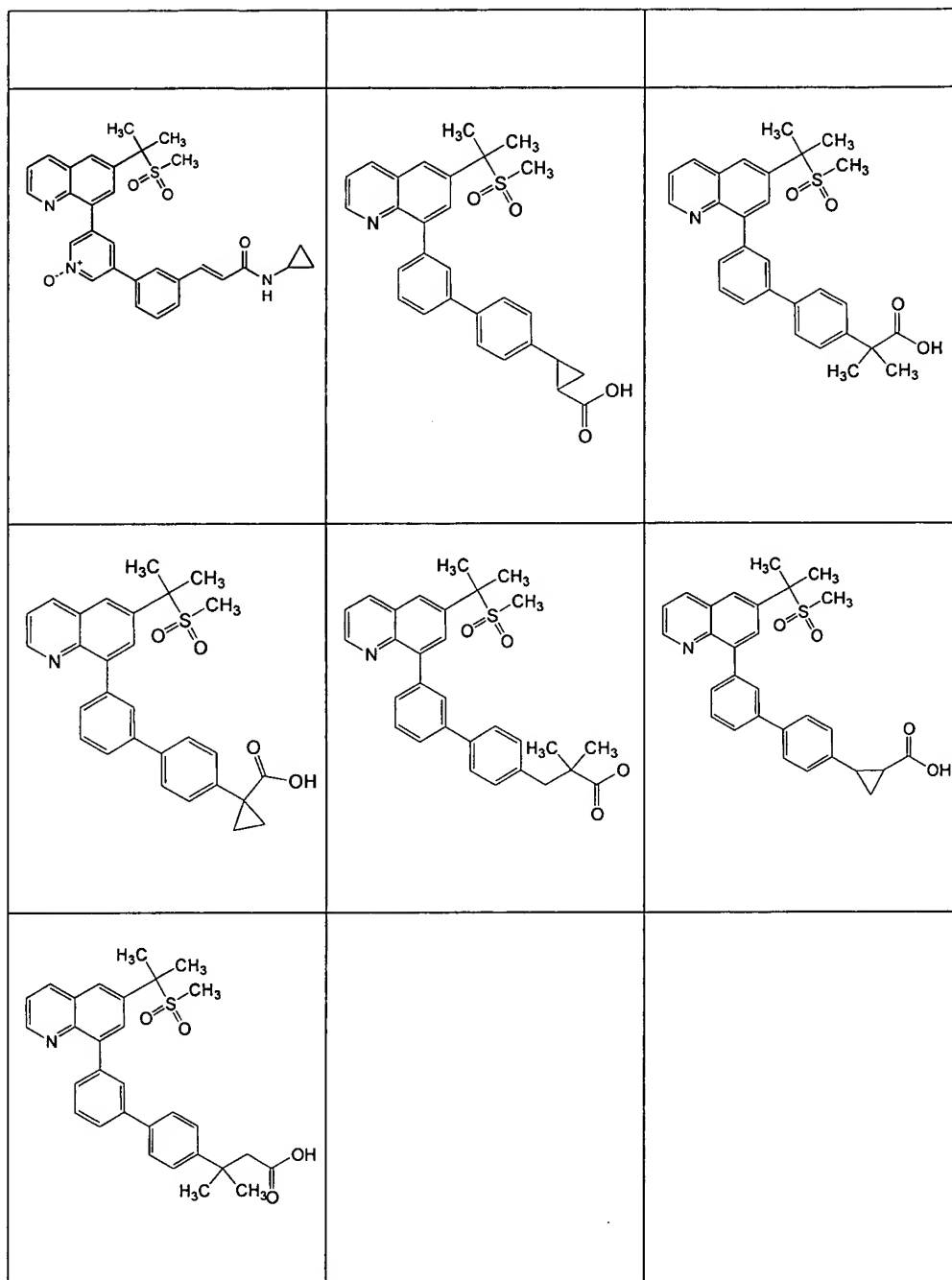
13. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein X is benzodioxolyl.

14. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein A is N.

15. (Original) The compound according to claim 14, wherein X is phenyl.

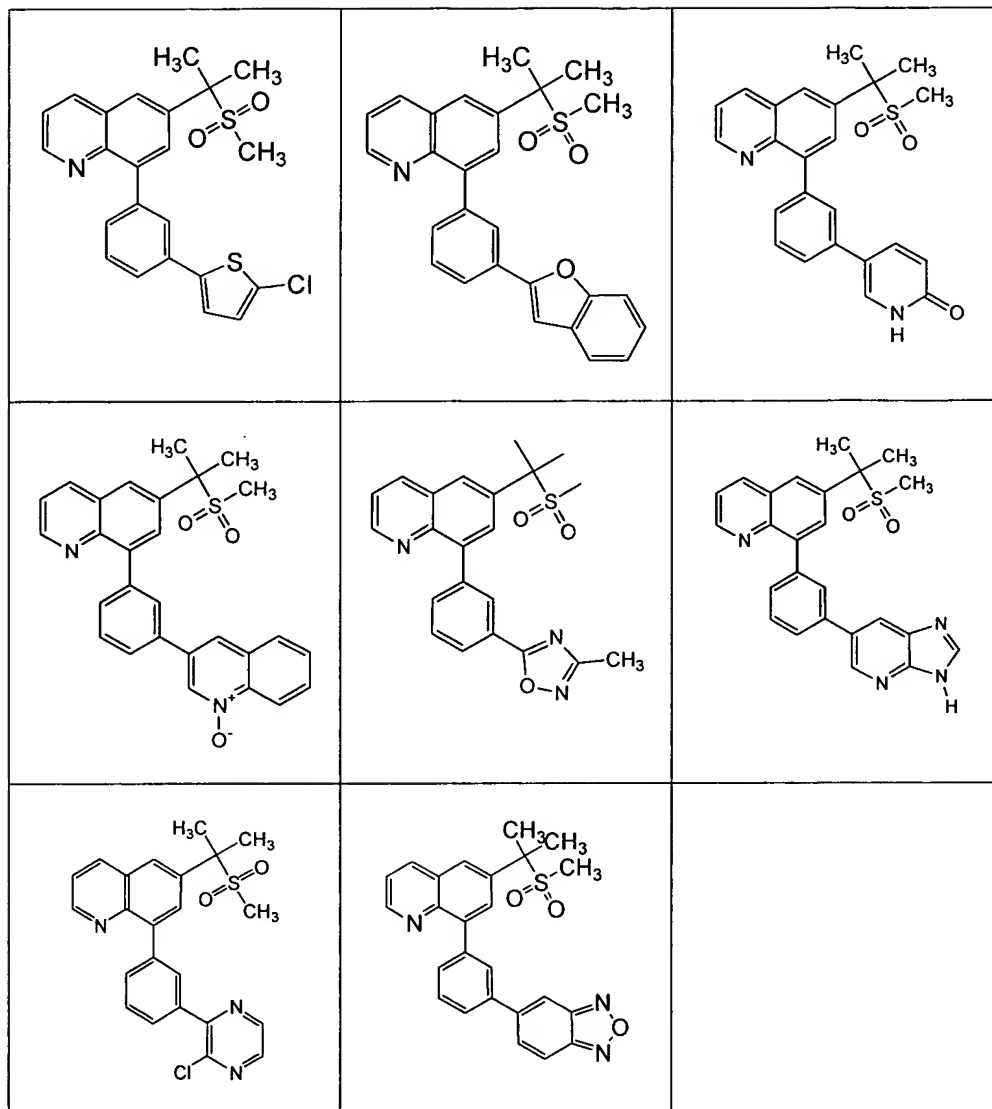
16. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, represented by





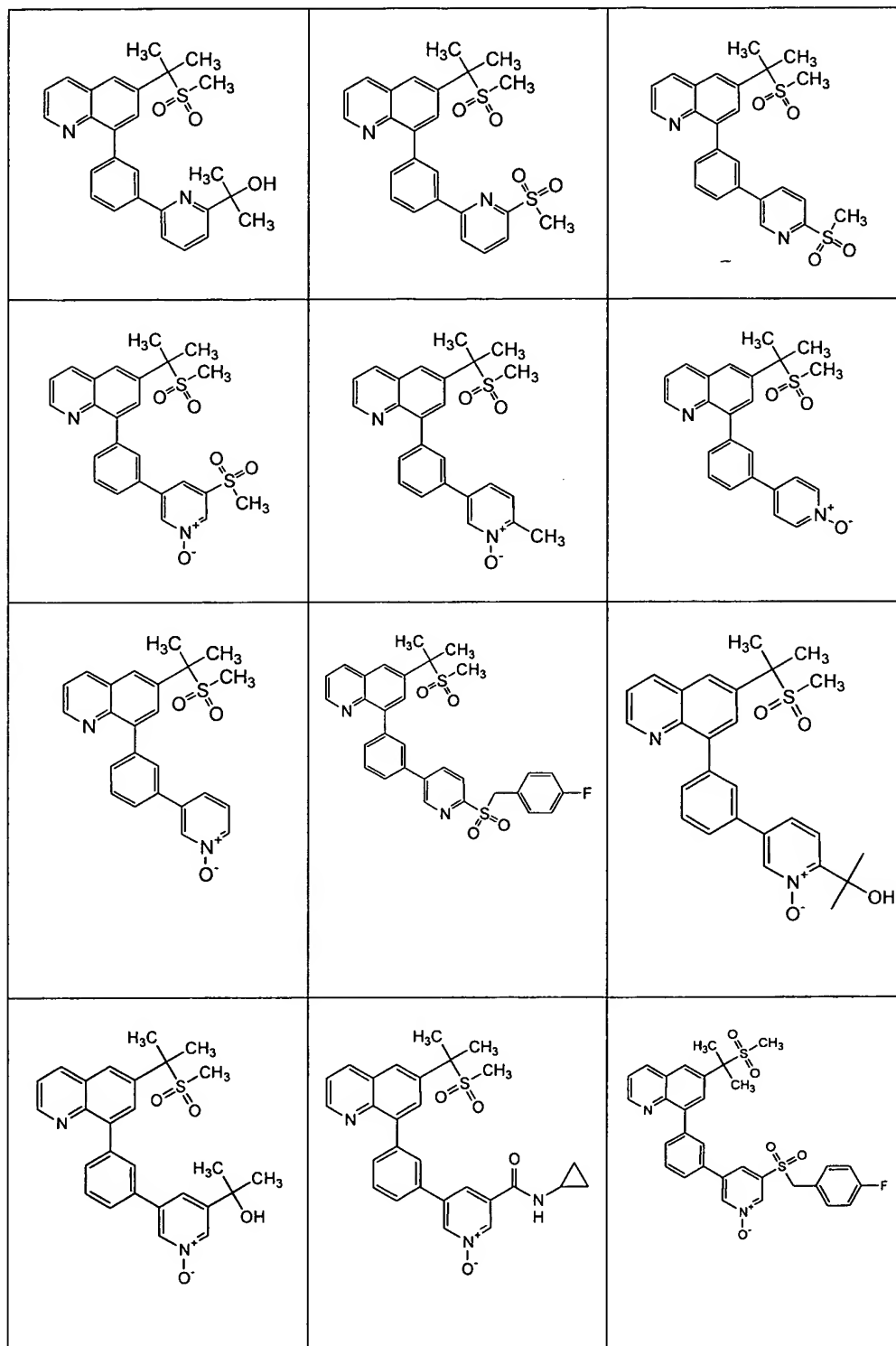
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

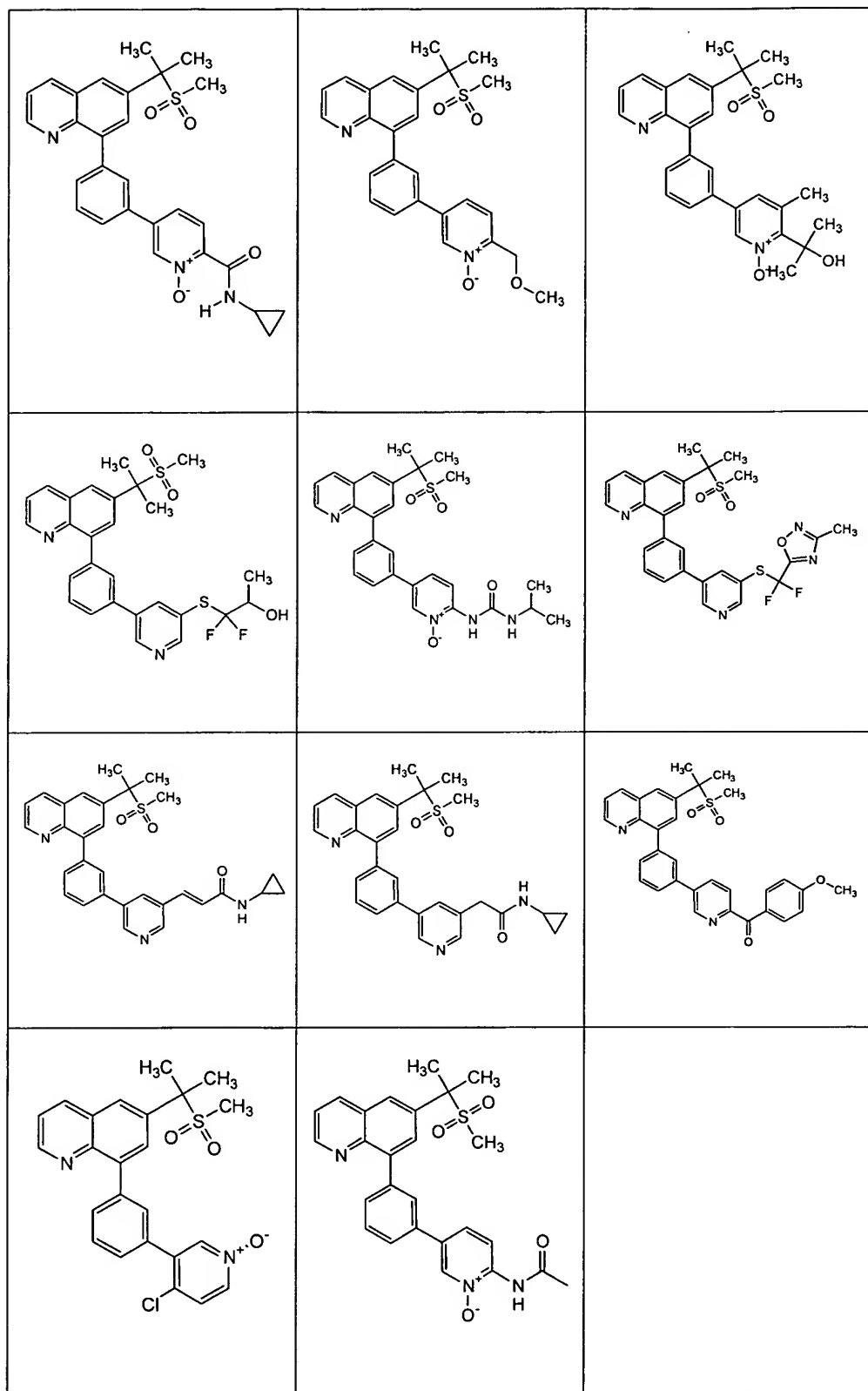
17. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, represented by



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, represented by





or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, consisting of  
6-isopropyl-8-(4'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-quinoline;  
1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-  
ethanone;  
1-{3-hydroxy-3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-  
4-yl}-ethanone;  
1-{4-hydroxy-3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-  
3-yl}-ethanone;  
8-(3'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-  
quinoline;  
8-(4'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-  
quinoline;  
3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(3'-nitro-biphenyl-3-yl)-quinoline;  
{4-chloro-3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-  
yl}-methanol;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-acrylic  
acid methyl ester;  
3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-carbaldehyde;  
2,2,2-trifluoro-1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-  
biphenyl-3-yl}-ethanol;  
{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-  
methanol;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-acrylic  
acid methyl ester;  
8-(2'-methanesulfonylmethyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-  
ethyl)-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[2'-([1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-  
yl)sulfanylmethyl]-biphenyl-3-yl]-quinoline;  
{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-  
methanol;



3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-acrylic acid methyl ester;

6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[2'-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)sulfanylmethyl]-biphenyl-3-yl]-quinoline;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-propionic acid methyl;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-prop-2-en-1-ol;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-propan-1-ol;

{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-methanol;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-yl}-propionic acid;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-acrylic acid;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-propionic acid;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-acrylic acid;

3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(2'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-quinoline;

8-(2'-methanesulfonyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;

{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-acetic acid;

3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-propionic acid methyl ester;

3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-propionic acid;

2-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-  
cyclopropanecarboxylic acid methyl ester;  
3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-carboxylic  
acid amide;  
2-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-  
cyclopropanecarboxylic acid;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-2-  
methyl-propionic acid tert-butyl ester;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-2-  
methyl-propionic acid;  
2-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-2-  
methyl-propionic acid methyl ester;  
{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-acetic  
acid;  
1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-  
cyclopropanecarboxylic acid amide;  
2-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-3-yl}-2-  
methyl-propionic acid;  
(1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-  
ylmethylsulfanylmethyl}-cyclopropyl)-acetic acid;  
(1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-  
ylmethanesulfonylmethyl}-cyclopropyl)-acetic acid;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-acrylic  
acid methyl ester;  
1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-  
cyclobutanecarboxylic acid;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{4'-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-cyclopropyl]-  
biphenyl-3-yl}-quinoline;  
(1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-  
ylsulfanylmethyl}-cyclopropyl)-acetic acid;  
(1-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-  
sulfonylmethyl}-cyclopropyl)-acetic acid;  
3-{3'-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-biphenyl-4-yl}-acrylic  
acid;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, consisting of  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-  
phenyl]-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(3-methyl-pyridin-2-yl)-phenyl]-  
quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(3-pyridin-3-yl-phenyl)-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(3-pyridin-4-yl-phenyl)-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(5-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yl)-  
phenyl]-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(6-methylsulfanyl-pyridin-2-yl)-  
phenyl]-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(6-methylsulfanyl-pyridin-3-yl)-  
phenyl]-quinoline;  
2-(6-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-3-  
yl)-propan-2-ol;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(6-methyl-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-  
quinoline;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-nicotinic acid  
ethyl ester;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{3-[6-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-pyridin-3-yl]-  
phenyl}-quinoline;  
8-[3-(6-benzyloxy-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-  
quinoline;  
2-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-3-  
yl)-propan-2-ol;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{3-[5-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethylsulfanyl)-  
pyridin-3-yl]-phenyl}-quinoline;  
8-{3-[5-(4-fluoro-benzylsulfanyl)-pyridin-3-yl]-phenyl}-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-  
methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;  
N-cyclopropyl-5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-  
phenyl}-nicotinamide;

3-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-ylamine;  
dicyclopropyl-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-2-yl)-methanol;  
8-[3-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;  
2-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-2-yl)-propan-2-ol;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{3-[1-oxy-5-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethanesulfonyl)-pyridin-3-yl]-phenyl}-quinoline;  
8-(3-{5-[1,2-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonyl]-1-oxy-pyridin-3-yl}-phenyl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;  
8-[3-(5-ethanesulfonyl-1-oxy-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(1-oxy-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(6-methanesulfonyl-5-methyl-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-quinoline;  
3-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-2-yl)-pentan-3-ol;  
(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-3-yl)-methanol;  
difluoro-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-3-ylsulfanyl)-acetic acid ethyl ester;  
difluoro-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-3-ylsulfanyl)-acetic acid;  
(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-2-yl)-methanol;  
1-isopropyl-3-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-2-yl)-urea;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{3-[5-(2-trimethylsilanyl-ethanesulfonyl)-pyridin-3-yl]-phenyl}-quinoline;  
8-[3-(4-chloro-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;

(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-2-yl)-(4-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-methanone;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;  
1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-3-yl)-propan-2-ol;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-{3-[6-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-pyridin-2-yl]-phenyl}-quinoline;  
1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-3-yl)-propan-2-ol;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-nicotinic acid;  
1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridin-2-yl)-propan-2-ol;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-nicotinic acid;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-nicotinonitrile;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1-oxy-nicotinic acid 2,2-dimethyl-propionyloxymethyl ester;  
8-[3-(5-chloro-1-oxy-pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinoline;  
[1-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridin-2-yl)sulfanylmethyl]-cyclopropyl]-acetic acid;  
[1-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-pyridine-2-sulfonylmethyl)-cyclopropyl]-acetic acid;  
6-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-1H-pyridin-2-one  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, consisting of  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(3-thiophen-2-yl-phenyl)-quinoline;  
1-(5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-thiophen-  
2-yl)-ethanone;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-[3-(3-methyl-thiophen-2-yl)-phenyl]-  
quinoline;  
5-{3-[6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-quinolin-8-yl]-phenyl}-thiophene-2-  
sulfonic acid amide;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(3-quinolin-3-yl-phenyl)-quinoline;  
8-(3-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-phenyl)-6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-  
quinoline;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, consisting of  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(5-phenyl-pyridin-3-yl)-quinoline;  
6-(1-methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-8-(1-oxy-5-phenyl-pyridin-3-yl)-quinoline;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1 or a  
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) A method of treatment or prevention of asthma; chronic bronchitis;  
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; adult respiratory distress syndrome; infant respiratory  
distress syndrome; cough; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in animals; adult respiratory  
distress syndrome; ulcerative colitis; Crohn's disease; hypersecretion of gastric acid; bacterial,  
fungal or viral induced sepsis or septic shock; endotoxic shock; laminitis or colic in horses;  
spinal cord trauma; head injury; neurogenic inflammation; pain; reperfusion injury of the brain;  
psoriatic arthritis; rheumatoid arthritis; ankylosing spondylitis; osteoarthritis; inflammation; or  
cytokine-mediated chronic tissue degeneration comprising the step of administering a  
therapeutically effective amount, or a prophylactically effective amount, of the compound  
according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.